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Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sly presented the budget reports for the MS Board of Psychology and the MS Autism Board. The proposed budget for the MS Board of Psychology for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, was presented and reviewed. Dr. Clark made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024, and Dr. Sly seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all attendance participating in the vote.

CE Coordinator Report:

Dr. Wheeler stated that an individual notified the Board with a request to become a Board-approved CE provider. Dr. Wheeler reported that he notified the individual of the MS Board of Psychology Rules and Regulations related to criteria for Board-approved CE providers. He stated that she was notified that she may send any questions regarding CE rules and regulations to the Board for further consideration. The Board discussed that she may also contact the American Psychological Association (APA) regarding APA-approved CE providers. Dr. Wheeler stated that he would notify the individual of this information.

Chair Report:

Dr. Yazdani reported on the Executive Director's annual review as evaluated by all members by the Board. All of the Executive Director's scores on the annual review ranged between 4 and 5 on a 5-point scale, with 5 being positive performance. Dr. Yazdani stated that feedback about the annual review was provided to the Executive Director by Dr. Yazdani and Dr. Sutton.

Dr. Yazdani reported that the annual ASPPB meeting will occur October 26-30, 2022, in Baltimore, Maryland. Potential attendance by Board members was reviewed in order to plan for travel to the annual meeting.

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Sharp reported on licensure renewal for the 2022-2023 year. She stated that she communicated with prior licensees who had not yet renewed about their status and reminded them to renew for the 2022-2023 year.

Ms. Sharp reported that development continues on the LMS self-scheduling module for the oral examinations.

Ms. Sharp stated that 4 people have registered for the civil commitment training occurring at the MPA annual convention in September 2022. Dr. Yazdani stated that Dr. Steve Ellis agreed to provide the civil commitment training voluntarily and for no charge at the MPA annual convention in September 2022.

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Ms. Sharp presented the Board's Annual Report to the Governor FY 2022. She stated that the report indicated 431 licensed psychologists in the state of Mississippi for FY 2022. Ms. Sharp noted that the reported indicated 40 new licensees to the state of Mississippi for FY 2022.

Executive Session:

Dr. Clark made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into Executive Session. Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion to consider the need to enter into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §25-41-7(1), Dr. Clark moved to consider going into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing candidate status, status of applications, complaints, and oral examination procedure. Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion. Miss. Code Ann. §24-41-7(3), (5). The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Actions taken during Executive Session:

Dr. Foster reported that the following actions took place during Executive Session:

Review Oral Examination Procedure:

Dr. Yazdani reviewed the process for oral examination administration with the Board to identify areas of improvement. Ways to increase standardization and clarity of the oral examination were identified.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications:

Dr. Clark recommended the following applicants be approved to take the EPPP: 20210907. Dr. Wheeler moved to accept this recommendation, and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended ratification of the following applicants for Temporary Practice Certificate: Carol Pridmore Walker (AL), Megan Leigh Wilkins (TN), Maria A Staropoli-Hafner (NJ), Anita Ann Davis (TN), Dana Leigh Charatan (CO). Dr. Wheeler moved to accept Dr. Clark's recommendation, and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended the following candidates for the Oral Examinations with retake only of the respective sections: 20210720 (Section 1 and Section 4), 20200422 (Section 4),

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20220112 (Section 4), 20201008 (Section 3), 20220102 (Section 4). Dr. Clark recommended the following applicants for the Oral Examination: 20220511, 20210529, 20220525, 20220629, 2022021, 2021115 (Juris Prudence Examination only due to CPQ credential). Dr. Wheeler moved to ratify Dr. Clark's recommendations, and Dr. Sly seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark reported that applicant 11122020 contacted the Board regarding an appeal of the Board's decision of his application for licensure. She stated that the 11122020 was instructed to submit an appeal to the Board within 30 days, but noted that the applicant did not contact the Board with an intent to appeal within that 30-day time frame.

Dr. Clark reported that applicant 20210309 contacted the Board regarding the EPPP examination. She stated that the applicant was notified that her application for licensure was retired due to two successive failures on the EPPP. She reported that the applicant was also instructed that she could reapply for licensure after the required 2-year time frame.

Dr. Clark reported that applicant 20220627 contacted the Board with questions about the application for licensure. She stated that the applicant was notified that the educational qualifications for licensure must be consistent with MS Code of 1972 73-31-13.

Complaints:

Dr. Sutton reported that the following complaint was closed: 220504. She reported that the subject of the complaint was a licensed professional counselor and not a licensed psychologist. She stated that the complaint was forwarded to the regulatory board for licensed professional counselors.

Dr. Sutton reported receipt of new complaint 220605. She stated that the psychologist was given 30 days to respond to the complaint, and she will review that response.

Leave Executive Session:

Dr. Clark made the motion to leave executive session and enter into open session. Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion to enter into open session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Old Business:

Update on Oral Examination Scheduling Module

Dr. Clark provided information about the functioning of the LMS self-scheduling module for the oral examination, which is still pending development. She stated that the module will

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offer more flexibility for applicants. Dr. Clark reported implementation is anticipated for fall of 2022.

Update on Rules and Regulations

The proposed Rules and Regulations are expected to be reviewed by the Office of Occupational Licensure Review Commission (OLRC) in the fall. The Board is waiting for notification from OLRC for an official date of that review.

New Business:

Setting Meeting Schedule for 2023

Dr. Yazdani reviewed the meeting schedule for the rest of 2022 calendar year and the 2023 calendar year.

Adjourn:

Dr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Wheeler. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penni Foster, PhD
Recording Secretary

July 15, 2022